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5. [] Carl Marcy, Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, gave an informative and candid off-the-record talk to the Advanced Intelligence Seminar which was warmly received and in which he paid high tribute to the Agency.

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6. [] Met with Senator William Spong and his Executive Assistant Mr. Thad Murray, and reviewed some draft letters they had prepared to constituents who had inquired about allegations of Agency involvement in drug traffic in Southeast Asia. At my suggestion they are writing to Director Ingersoll, Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, requesting the results of any investigation that the Bureau may have conducted into the matter. In accordance with his long-standing policy, however, Spong does not plan to put Ingersoll's response in the Congressional Record.

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7. [] Called Sam Marler, in the office of Senator Clifford P. Hansen, who said that the Senator's letter to the University of Wyoming's "Branding Iron" denying allegations of CIA involvement in Southeast Asian drug traffic had made the paper's deadline yesterday. He said the Senator had not yet written to Director Ingersoll, Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, requesting additional information on the subject, but would do so shortly and Marler would let me know when the letter went forward so I could alert the proper people in Ingersoll's office.

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8. [] Talked with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, about the cost-of-living increase legislation for the Civil Service retirement system which has been acted upon favorably by both House and Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committees. Braswell made the following points:

- a. If we wish to obtain a similar amendment for CIARDS, we will have to go through the formal procedure for requesting such legislation;
- b. It is absolutely impossible to get Senate and House action on this legislation before 1 June;
- c. Although he had not reviewed the specific legislation, it is possible that we could get a bill which would be retroactive;
- d. He would not want anyone to retire from the Agency on the assumption that such legislation will receive favorable consideration.

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